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New Stores Spring Up On Macdonald Avenue

Liquor Places to Serve For Other Lines of Business

The period of "reconstruction" is in full blast in Richmond—referring to saloons. Many are undergoing changes and converted into attractive business houses.

Spencer's old bar at 5th and Macdonald is now an attractive billiard and pool parlor, well lighted day and night, no camouflage obstructing the view, no secret or side card rooms for gambling. This recreation place is destined to be one of the most popular resorts on the avenue.

The Bank bar, once famous in the history of Richmond as "political" headquarters and where many "star chambers" were held, is to be "made over" into a merchandising place.

The Bonair bar is also undergoing a "surgical operation," and Painter Swan is adding artistic shades, a cheering contrast to the old frowning colors of the original steam beer joint.

It is said the Ft. Bragg at 16th will converted into a cafeteria.

For Irish Freedom

The principal speaker of the evening last night at the labor temple was W. A. Lynch of Oakland. Organized workers for the Irish republic bond drive are preparing for a vigorous campaign. California's quota is \$1,500,000, which is practically assured.

Gambling Ordinance Is Adopted

The new gambling ordinance, giving powers to the police department over cigar stores, pool halls and ice cream stores, was adopted by the council Monday evening and will soon be in effect. It is believed it will give the police ample power to stop gambling, now declared prevalent in numerous local pool halls. It does not allow the operator of any of the above-named stores to sleep in or adjoining their place of business without a permit from the police department.

C. of C. Banquet

The chamber of commerce banquet to be given at Richmond clubhouse to night will be interspersed with a musical program of local performers; and speeches by C. E. Clark, T. A. Boyer, F. C. Heckman and W. S. Sullivan. Supper \$1.50 per plate.

Housewives League Endorse New Milk Ordinance

The new milk ordinance for Richmond received its first reading Monday night, and follows out the desires of the housewives' league. The new law will permit dairy cows anywhere in Richmond, and allows owners to sell milk to neighbors.

Cows will be tested twice a year and sanitary conditions must be inspected and permits granted by the health department.

Breck Sells Cigar Store

E. B. Breck, who conducted the cigar store at 2227 Macdonald, has sold out to two former traction railway conductors, R. V. Howard and G. W. Mesic. The purchase included the building.

Unauthorized Solicitors Infest Richmond Frequently

Macdonald avenue, Richmond, is a well beaten path for solicitors and the promoters of drives.

The business men are preyed upon from 23d street to First, and the Point "get theirs."

Few have become so "stoney" that they refuse to give to charity. And camouflaged charity is "put over" occasionally on the unsuspecting.

Yesterday Staff Captain J. M. Herman, commanding officer of the Pacific Coast, was in Richmond checking up unauthorized solicitors for the American Rescue Workers, alleged representatives of the women's emergency home for women and children, West Oakland.

Captain Herman warns the public that solicitors for the institution have imposed on Richmond people, and that all contributors should insist on seeing the proper credentials, which should bear his signature.

Republicans Meet

The Republican Central Committee of Contra Costa county will hold a special meeting at Martinez on next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when the question of organizing the county for the coming campaign will be taken, according to the announcement just sent to members of the committee by Secretary A. F. Bray.

Bacon and Canned Goods to Be Bought

Five thousand dollars in army foods will be purchased for sale by the city council upon the request of the Richmond housewives' league. A conference with a delegation from the league Monday evening resulted in this decision. It is planned to buy much bacon and canned goods. The manner of sale has not been determined, but it will likely be held in the city hall basement and over a period of several days.

PROTEST ON "SNOBBERY."

England's new spurt in democracy and the tendency to break old-time class distinctions which are among the many changes wrought by the war, have caused protests against the system of designations of athletic contestants. "Gentlemen versus Players" is the manner in which a cricket match is billed when the game is between amateurs and professionals. It is contended by the objectors that the words savor too much of the old era of snobbery in England, which many British optimists had hoped was left dead on the field.

QUIETING HIS VICTIMS.

Sellers (a suburban property promoter)—What was the sermon about today, Jessie?

Mrs. Sellers (home from church)—Oh, that old stereotyped stuff about why we should be contented with our lots!

Mr. Sellers (enthusiastically)—You don't say! By George! I'm going to send that good old scot a check for fifty bucks!—Buffalo Express.

AN OBJECTION.

"A woman is constitutionally unfitted to help take the census."

"Why so?"

"Because it is a physical impossibility for her to keep the secret of other women's ages."

More 100 Per Cent Americans Needed, Says Hart

Dean Hart announces two summer session at the University of California this year. In addition to the regular summer session of June 21 to July 31, there will be an intercession from May 10 to June 19. In making the announcement, Dean Hart says:

"The year since the signing of the armistice has revealed national problems of far-reaching significance. Industrial, social, and political readjustments have pressed forward with confusing rapidity. Never before has the need been greater for clear thinking, decisive action and fine patriotism on the part of the citizens of our land. Never before has the responsibility of searching the foundations of citizenship rested more heavily upon the American people. Never before has the nation been asked to describe so precisely true allegiance to American ideals of justice and firm loyalty to humanitarian action. It is with the aim of helping towards the solution of some of these problems confronting Americans today that the summer session is planning its program."

Red Cross Rooms Robbed by Burglar

The burglar who entered the 6th street headquarters Saturday night and appropriated several checks, was nabbed by the local police, although the crook had a good start to make his getaway. One check for \$40 was cashed at a local saloon. The Richmond police department is doing some good work in lining up the lawbreakers, and if the news reporters were more careful about giving the crooks "direct tips," more of the former of them would get in the net.

Bicycle Skidded Leg Is Broken

J. O. Cady, Standard Oil employee, of 555 Fifth street broke an ankle Sunday morning when his wheel skidded and threw him heavily to the sidewalk. He was taken to Merritt hospital, but was able to return to his home last Tuesday.

PATCH UP OPTIC NERVES NOW

In Many Cases Sight Has Been Restored to Blinded Soldiers by Army Surgeons.

In the field of medicine and surgery there were wonderful advances during the war. Bones from animals have been used successfully to replace human shin and arm bones splintered by high explosives. Skin grafting and facial reconstruction have become commonplace. New noses and ears have been created of thumbs and fingers.

The latest and most startling bit of surgery that has grown out of the war was performed at Fort McHenry hospital, Baltimore. Through it four soldiers, blinded by explosives and gas, have recovered their sight. The operation in each case was to repair shattered optic nerves.

Skin, tissue, bone, muscle, veins and arteries have been patched and spliced successfully, but the delicate fabric of nerves has mostly defied the skill of surgery heretofore, and the mark of success upon four operations of such novelty and delicacy promises large things for humanity.

THE LAST ONE.

Captain Wahl—As accountable officer, when do you expect to get away from Mehan?

"Why so?"

"Because it is a physical impossibility for her to keep the secret of other women's ages."

Well Known El Cerrito Citizen Run Down and Killed

The killing of Hiram Morrill on San Pablo avenue Sunday night by a Chinese by the name of Wong, who was driving an auto at a high rate of speed and who had an unobstructed view of the highway on which Morrill was clearing the debris of a wrecked milk wagon, is to be deplored.

Morrill was well known at the county line, and was an employee of Bates, Bortland & Ayers, contractors. He was a candidate for city trustee at the late city election of El Cerrito, and had many friends in the county line district.

The Chinese, Andrew Wong, was arrested and charged with manslaughter.

Warren, the Stege milkman, whose rig was telescoped by the Martinez stage, was taken to the hospital and patched up. Later he was taken to his home, not seriously hurt.

Morrill, at the time of the accident, was assisting the El Cerrito marshal in clearing away the debris and broken milk bottles from the highway when the chink's death car came speeding along and struck his victim. Hiram Morrill never recovered consciousness, and was dead before arriving at the hospital.

Morrill was for many years a prominent resident of Lassen county, where he served several terms as a member of the board of supervisors. He had lived at El Cerrito for five years. A widow and six children survived him. Wong is out on \$500 cash bail.

The funeral of Hiram Morrill, was held from a local undertakers Wednesday under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, interment in Mountain View cemetery, Oakland.

Suicide of Ed Lane, Business Man

Ed Lane, the congenial business man who conducted the 12th street liquor store, committed suicide in an Oakland rooming house Sunday, his body being found Monday, with a bullet hole through the temple.

It is said Lane was despondent, the enforcement of prohibition and being unable to adapt himself to another line of business, was the cause of his taking his own life.

New Roofing Co.

A new roofing company has been started in Richmond. The offices are at 23d and Macdonald.

Price Increased

The board of Supervisors has increased the sum allowed the sheriff for feeding county jail prisoners from 37 1/2¢ per day to 45¢ per day.

Attorney Hiram E. Jacobs has opened a branch law office in Martinez and will divide his time between Richmond and the county seat.

New Bank Building

The Bank of Antioch has let a contract to G. H. Fields for the construction of a \$40,000 bank building.

Church Days

Palm Sunday—March 28. Good Friday—April 2. Easter Sunday—April 4.

The Argus is a legal newspaper, published in Albany by a pioneer resident.

Final End of Litigation in Waterfront Land Dispute

A compromise has finally been effected in the long drawn out litigation of waterfront properties at South Tenth street and vicinity, involving the George E. Ellis estate and land interests of the Ellis Landing and Dock company. The terms of compromise are subject to the approval of the Alameda county court.

Mrs. Selena E. Ellis, beneficiary, agrees under the terms of the compromise, to accept \$20,000 cash and a new note for \$140,000 from the Ellis Landing and Dock company in her suit to collect the principal and interest on a note for \$150,000 given by the dock company to Ellis in 1913.

Waterfront Lands at Ellis Landing at the foot of Tenth street form the security for the notes.

Canal Subdivision Litigation Ends

It is claimed that an agreement has been reached by the litigants in the canal subdivision property, about 300 acres of reclaimed tidal land lying on the inner harbor waterfront adjacent to Cutting boulevard and Richmond avenue. With the ending of lawsuits clear titles will be given to all purchasers under contracts of sale, and it is expected that rapid development of this property will follow.

Passing of Pioneer Richmond Merchant

I. L. Dearborn, pioneer merchant of Richmond, died at his home in Second street Monday evening. Although he had been in poor health for several months, his death was unexpected.

He is survived by a widow, a son, Edward Dearborn, and a daughter. He was one of the early residents of this city and for many years engaged in the grocery business, retiring a few years ago on account of poor health.

Until recently he was secretary of the Richmond merchants' association.

The funeral was held from Wesley Methodist church yesterday, Rev. Paul Little and the Odd Fellows officiating. Interment was made in Sunset View cemetery.

SURPRISE FOR "DESERT RAT"

Veteran Prospector Astonished at First Experience With Moving Picture Methods.

A real "desert rat," an old prospector and a rare individual in these modern times, wafted into Victorville, Calif., where a motion picture company was at work. A ranch house had been built, more than 100 sagebrush transplanted to make it look as if it were in the vicinity of the desert, and all the old tin cans in the town collected to give atmosphere to the cookhouse. The old desert rat accosted the movie director in front of the dilapidated place.

"This your farm?" he asked.

The director said it was.

"Any grub about?"

The picture man pointed to the rear of the prop movie house and the visitor followed. When he reached the corner of the house and saw only two walls standing his mouth sagged with amazement. The players were equally surprised when the old desert rat told them he had never seen a movie company at work or knew that the few houses he had seen in motion pictures were of the fake variety.

Too Much Optimism. An optimist, too much inclined to sing a gay song. Dreamed on; and then woke up to find that he was all wrong.

Contra Costa County To Have Good Roads

Twenty-Six Children Killed by Reckless Drivers in 1919

The state automobile association will in the future make it interesting for speeders who carelessly run down children and adults. John W. Stetson, president of the association, announces that the legal department headed by attorney Perry E. Towne, director of the association, will extend itself to secure convictions and make punishment of offenders more certain.

Money collected for fines, and abuses on the part of speed cops and patrolmen, to whom is entrusted the enforcement of the traffic laws, will receive strict attention.

Salvation Army Committee Named

The advisory committee appointed for Salvation army work in Contra Costa county, is as follows:

Attorney Hiram E. Jacobs, chairman; Attorney Thomas M. Carlson, vice-chairman; W. T. Helms, Harry Marcus, Charles J. Cray, Attorney T. H. De Lap, and Dr. U. S. Abbott, all of Richmond; Judges R. H. Latimer and A. B. McKenzie, County Probation Officer A. J. McMahon, Assessor George O. Meese, Sheriff R. R. Veale and County Surveyor Ralph Arnold, all of Martinez; Justice Hartley of Antioch; E. M. Downer of Pinole and E. D. Armstrong of Hercules.

All were accepted by the supervisors and March 1 was set as the time for receiving bids. The Franklin canyon to Hercules road will be twenty feet wide and of same construction as the Martinez-Dublin highway, two eight-foot strips of concrete with a four-foot strip of black base in the center.

The two other roads will be of concrete, eighteen feet wide.

Elks to Hold Jinks

Saturday night, Feb. 14, will be Elks Stag night. Chairman A. N. Hauser is making elaborate preparations, assisted by a live committee.

Bob Fitzsimmons' Horseshoe

George Zanes, owner of the new Gold Mine restaurant at 511 Macdonald, was presented with a novel emblem of good luck in the shape of a horseshoe made by the famous prizefighter Bob Fitzsimmons, at one time a world's champion. The horseshoe was forged out by the champion who was an expert blacksmith and put the shoes on many of Australia's famous race horses.

Captain George Bray presented the horseshoe to the Gold Mine restaurant proprietor, as a token of good luck.

It was in THE TERMINAL.

County funds invested in government short term certificates paying 4 1/2 per cent interest have earned \$25,312.50 to date. This represented county highway back money, which was invested when highway bonds were sold five months ago.

Garden and Flower Seeds

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America)

BELGIAN PRINCE TO SCOUTS

King Albert of the Belgians has two sons who are Boy Scouts. The king and queen, with Crown Prince Leopold, recently toured this country.

Scout Leopold has sent this letter voicing the brotherhood of scouting to his American comrades:

"You have been kind enough to ask me to send you a statement on what the Belgian Boy Scouts have done during the war."

"During the first days of the invasion our boys did their utmost to assist both the civil and military authorities, acting as messengers. But, as you are aware, Belgium was soon almost entirely occupied by the enemy and, from that moment, the Boy Scouts, in spite of their desire to serve their country, were reduced to inactivity.

"Ever since the liberation of Belgian territory they have again resumed their work with the greatest enthusiasm.

"I am pleased to have an opportunity of conveying to you the expression of their brotherly feelings towards the Boy Scouts of America, and to express to you my best wishes for the prosperity of your great organization.

"Yours faithfully,

"LEOPOLD DE BELGIQUE"

SECRETARY GLASS FOR SCOUTS

Former Secretary of the Treasury Carter H. Glass in addressing a gathering of boy scouts in Washington said:

"I regard it as a distinctly great compliment to be asked to come here to greet young Americans, to greet that association with which my predecessor, Mr. McAdoo, was so prominent and usefully identified.

"While I do not know a great deal about the boy scouts, I do know one thing; that it is an institution which is antagonistic to nothing that is good and hostile to everything that is bad, and it is an honor for any man, whatever his distinction in life, to come and greet an association of that sort.

"If the Boy Scouts of America had done nothing more than they did in the five Liberty loan campaigns they would have earned distinction enough to entitle them to the respect and affection of all the American people, and as secretary of the treasury of the United States I want to give attestation to the great patriotism manifested by the boy scouts. I want to personally thank them for the splendid service they rendered their country and for the effective way in which they aided the treasury department."

MEETING THE SCOUTS' CHIEF.

One day as Dan Beard was going up the elevator in the high Flatiron building in New York city, at the rear of the car was a postal messenger boy with his arms filled with scores of bundles all of the same size.

Peering over the top of the ambulance, he fixed his eyes steadily upon Mr. Beard. The national scout commissioner of the four hundred thousand and more Boy Scouts of America knew the signs well enough to realize that something was passing through the boy's mind. He asked the lad what he was thinking about.

The boy replied: "I was just thinkin' that you look like a friend of mine."

"What's your friend's name?" asked the man who is the friend of all boys.

"Dan Beard," said the messenger.

"I am Dan Beard," replied the commissioner, with a smile.

"Gosh!" was the only reply of the astonished boy, who dropped his bundles under the feet of the amused passengers and brought his right hand up to a stiff salute.

NO ONE'S DUTY IS THE SCOUT'S.

It was just the removal of a stray brick that fell from a truck into the middle of the street—a little thing, perhaps—but it was observed by some of the big men in York, Pa., and brought forth their heartiest commendation.

A wagon, heavily loaded, dropped the brick. Another wagon came along. The driver saw the obstacle, veered to one side, and narrowly escaped bumping into another vehicle. Then a pedestrian, crossing the street in a hurry, tripped over it, and the language he used would hardly win him leadership of a troupe.

A scout happened by. He saw the object, ducked between the traffic, picked up the brick and carefully deposited it out of the way. A little thing? Perhaps! But you ought to hear what some of the onlookers said about this genuine "good turn."

SCOUT CAMP TO BE ENLARGED.

The boy scouts of New York and New Jersey have access to the largest permanent boys' camp in the world. Last summer there were over 1,500 boys at a time in the great open-air playground back of Bear Mountain, on the Hudson river.

Because of the record made by the scouts, the Interstate park commission offers to construct from five to eight new camps for next year.

It is planned to care for 2,500 boy scouts next year.

Wisconsin Indians Worship Idol in University Museum; Annual Offerings Are Made

Even though Christianity has been adopted among the majority of the Indians of Wisconsin for years, the "gods of their fathers" are still revered, according to Dr. R. Rieder of the University of Wisconsin.

Doctor Rieder relates that members of the tribe of Chippewas visit the university museum every year to lay before a grotesque stone figure their offerings of skins, meat, and other food in the manner of their ancestors, who placated such idols by offerings yearly.

Doctor Rieder told how a millionaire of Chicago, whose summer home is in Wisconsin, found the idol while hunting several years ago. He took it to Chicago as a curio and later was visited by a delegation of Indians, who demanded the return of the stone figure to Wisconsin.

The Indian refused and after several attempts had been made to steal the image he became afraid and secretly sold the stone to the museum.

Emissaries of the Chippewas, it is said, watched the image until it was placed in the museum, where they declared that they were satisfied to have it remain, as long as it was in the hands of the state and on Wisconsin soil.

Doctor Rieder says the Pueblo type of Indian believed that before creation the earth was a ball of fire; the Indians of Lower California and those of Wisconsin and the Mississippi valley had the belief that it was a mass of water. The latter theory, he asserts, followed closely the latest theory of scientists regarding the period before the origin of the earth.

Doctor Rieder declares the popular conception gathered by the public from Longfellow's poem and books of the "Wild West" type were false and did injustice to the Indian.

To Journey Hopefully Is Better Than to Arrive—True Success Is to Labor

Mottos for business men now adorn many commercial sanctuaries, notes a writer in the London Chronicle. The commonest and most obnoxious is "Do It Now" in shrilling red letters. There are the usual references to time being convertible into cash and facetious rules for the conduct of callers.

But a Scottish head of a great business raises his eyes from his desk to see before him Napoleon's exclamation: "Good God! How rare are men!"

Another note is struck by the founder of one of London's mammoth stores, for his inspiration lies in the dictum of Robert Louis Stevenson:

"To journey hopefully is better than to arrive, and the true success is to labor."

Injunction Had Origin in Roman Law Where It Took the Form of an Interdict

The writ of injunction is popularly supposed to be a modern innovation of the law, principally by reason of the extension of its scope in recent years to cases arising out of labor disputes.

But as early as 1832, the commons of England appealed to the sovereign for protection against the barons who were overriding the processes of the common law courts and the result was that these courts were placed under the protection of the chancellor, "the keeper of the king's conscience," who was empowered to issue certain writs designed to prevent the abuse of legal procedure in the lower courts. The principle, however, of injunction dates still further back—it had its real origin in the Roman law, where it took the form of an interdict.

No Month of Season Is Without Natural Beauties

Every month and every season has its secret beauties which it calls upon us to find. Perhaps a tree is at its best when, in the full tide of midsummer, it stands bravely beneath a rejoicing sun decked with shining leaves, yet it is only when winter has trodden on the land that the secret beauty of its branches is revealed. There are few things in their essence fairer than the rhythm of tree branches. There is a great ash tree which stands on the edge of a meadow; it has turned away from the north wind that sweeps down from the hills; the lines of the branches and the twigs bend marvellously into a mysterious unity that is almost music. When the great winter stars rise behind it, and sparkle in its branches, summer lies forgotten and unremembered.

Carlyle Makes Clear What Menial Calling Really Is

Men talk about menial calling; but what is a menial calling? I will tell you. It is a calling that makes a man mean. And the moment any calling makes a man a man, he has dignified and glorified it. Show me the chrysalis first, and what a prejudice I have against the butterflies! But show me the butterfly first, and after I have seen that, how beautiful the skin looks out of which it has hatched! I carry the beauty of the thing itself back to that from which it came, and by association dignify it, and I do it a man a menial calling.

The Mills Orchard Company of Hamilton City has lost 800 boxes recently from some mysterious disease, according to James Mills, the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. The investigation has made a complete investigation, but so far has found no remedy to check the disease. The carcasses of the boxes are cremated as fast as they die.

Containing an article by W. B. Camp of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture and a statistical table giving the production costs for the product, the first cotton bale issued by the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce is on the press and will be distributed to those interested in the culture of cotton in the state.

Condensed California News

Stockton plans a \$4,000,000 harbor and port works.

Work on the postoffice in Marysville has begun.

Southern California librarians will hold a convention at Pasadena in February.

Fullerton is preparing to launch a campaign for \$200,000 issue of bonds for school improvements.

A committee has been appointed to draft plans for financing the proposed new cannery plant at Dinuba.

The river steamer Fay No. 4 was destroyed by fire near Stockton during a gale of wind. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

Stephen F. Kelly, prominent in California politics for thirty years and postmaster at San Bernardino from 1898 to 1914, died there last week.

George W. Harney, horticultural commissioner of Yuba county, has been named an honorary member of the California Certified Seed Potato Growers.

The Shell Company of California is building an absorption plant on the Gossell lease near Ventura to extract the gasoline from the natural gas production from this property.

Professor and Mrs. Payson J. Treat of Stanford university have established an annual scholarship of the value of \$120 to pay the tuition fee of a deserving Stanford student.

The California Orchard Company has been incorporated by Southern California capitalists to farm a 190-acre tract near Kings City, Monterey county, it has been announced.

Five persons were injured and 100 others severely shaken up when a Pacific Electric train bound for Los Angeles crashed into the rear end of a local car at Santa Monica last week.

A branch of the national railroad administration of Mexico has been established in San Francisco in order to effect, if possible, through Pullman service between that city and Mexico City.

Arizona cotton men, headed by L. C. Smith, have practically closed a lease on 640 acres of Poplar district lands, near Porterville, which will be devoted next season to the culture of short staple cotton.

Two million dollars' worth of the third state highway bond issue will be offered for sale February 26. These bonds carry 4½ per cent interest and were authorized at a special election on July 1, 1918.

Word has been received from Fields Landing, a hamlet eight miles south of Eureka, that fire had destroyed two barns, one of which contained eight horses belonging to the State Highway Commission. All the animals perished.

Kenneth Hall, 2-year-old son of Charlie Hall, pitcher of the St. Paul Baseball Club of the American Association, is dead at Ventura as the result of having been accidentally shot by his elder brother, Charlie, aged 5.

County supervisors from every county in California will gather in San Francisco next month for the annual three-day convention of the Board of Supervisors' Association of California. Sessions will be held February 10, 11 and 12.

The Southern Pacific Company has been granted permission by the Alameda City Council to pump 170,000 cubic yards of dredged material on the city's western tide lands.

A dyke will be erected on the outskirts of the land to prevent an overflow.

William Hu, representing Chinese capital, is conducting negotiations with Rudolph Samuel, president of the State Brewers' Association, for the purchase of several million dollars' worth of brewing machinery for a syndicate of Shanghai capitalists.

Among the California postmasters who have been appointed are Charles W. Arrasmith of Courtland, Carrie I. Pfau of Fairfield, Yvonne Parker of Fall Oaks, Samuel W. Green of Isleton, Edward R. Bradley of Walnut Creek and George W. Hunt of McCloud.

The bond distribution planned by Pittsburgh includes \$10,000 for a water plant, \$125,000 for street paving, \$75,000 for a city hall, \$40,000 for a municipal wharf, \$35,000 for sewer development, \$10,000 for fire apparatus, \$75,000 for a memorial library, and \$7500 for street cleaning machinery.

The supreme court has affirmed federal court decree approving rates prescribed by the California Railroad Commission to be charged by the Napa Valley Electric Company for power sold to the California Light and Telephone Company and dismissing injunction proceedings brought to prevent the rates being put into effect.

The City Board of Trustees invited the Chico Water Company and the Chico Valley Water Company, owners of the two systems supplying the city, to submit estimates of the valuation of their plants for transfer to the city. It is planned to put the project before the voters at a bond election to raise funds to purchase the two plants.

George Shima, Japanese potato grower of the San Joaquin valley, said he has sold his farm to a man from the San Joaquin valley, and the man has made a good offer.

The Spreckels Sugar Company is preparing to circulate beet contracts among the Pleasanton farmers for the season 1920. There has been no raise over last season's price of \$10 per ton for beets, less 15 per cent and one per ton for each additional per cent above.

County and federal surveyors have practically completed the joint engineering work preliminary to the construction of a new automobile highway from the Forks on Tuolumne river, twenty miles east of Porterville in the Sierra, to Camp Nelson, in the heart of the mountain resort district.

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An oil fire at Los Angeles harbor endangered a tank containing 20,000 gallons of gasoline.

High grade ore has been uncovered in the main working tunnel of the Madelon property, near Jacksonville.

San Jose will vote on \$700,000 worth of school bonds for the erection of new buildings and additions to the present structures and equipment, on March 9.

Property owners in the most exclusive residential section of Whittier have been approached as to the possibility of securing leases on land there for drilling oil wells.

The first dehydrating plant for fruit and vegetables in Riverside county is to be established in connection with the Arlington cannery and will be in operation within thirty days.

At a meeting of the Hamilton City and Orland high school trustees recently it was decided to hold a bond election for the purpose of improving the high schools in the two towns.

More than 100 carloads of fresh fruit wine grapes and 40 carloads of dried stock have been sold in the Portland (Ore.) market during the last few months, according to commission men.

The Idaho-Maryland mine at Grass Valley has been cleared of water to the 500-foot point and the management is completing arrangements for dewatering of the property to the 1000-foot level.

Though 5,000 cans of fruit were packed at the Charles Sterns & Sons cannery at Riverside during the last year, the management has announced its intention of doubling the capacity for next year.

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The once great middle class, in its last struggle for survival, will be forced into one of two things; either to sell out and go over bodily to organized labor, or to form a European middle class trade union, both for offense and defense.

But Europe, alas! is beginning to do without the energyman. The state lawyer is beginning to supplant the private practitioner. Only the doctor is left, and he, poor devil, is being nationalized under health regulations.

Here in England the middle class of four or five has become two or three. Medical men, without exception, are united in their opinion that during the past ten years' the birth rate of that class has been going down to perdition.

Now come the figures of the marriage rate, published a few days ago. Between 1911-14 39 per cent of bachelors married; in 1917 only 37.6 per cent. In 1886-90 50 per cent married. The proportion of bachelors who marry at over thirty-five has been steadily rising, with a swift upward climb in 1916 and 1917. Only 51.8 per cent of spinsters marrying during 1917 were under twenty-five years of age.

Among the middle classes the age is rising at an alarming pace. It looks as though within a comparatively short time here in England the middle class will, with the increased age of marriage, give to the race only those stunted specimens of child life which are so often, though not always, the fruit of late unions.

It is significant that no single person has come forward to contest the above. It cannot be contested. We are looking on the passing of a class.

Members of parliament are beginning to sit up and take note.

Babies Fewer in Germany, Even

Even Germany, the nursery of Europe, which produced its million babies at the bidding of the war lord, is fast depopulating. The war has done this. The Germans of the cities refuse to have children. "We cannot feed them," they

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President Wilson's experiments in seeking cabinet timber have been sufficient to prove that the new Moses is not to be found in the ranks of the democratic party. There is no democrat in the public eye who has given any evidence of constructive leadership. Inefficiency is the dominating characteristic of the present administration.

Taxes are ascending. The farther we get away from the actual war the higher prices climb.

The lack of efficiency grows more glaring daily.

The farther we proceed under democratic domination the worse conditions become.

It does not require a prophet to tell us that we are on the wrong road, that safety lies in a constructive republican leader to put the administration of public affairs on an even keel and prevent the "boat from rocking."

"If I know the American people they never will stand for foreign powers deciding when and where our American boys shall fight."—William Jennings Bryan.

The responsibility for any delay in ratifying this treaty is now on us—we must accept a compromise.—Bryan.

"It should be the policy of the United States to administer to the wants of other nations without being entangled in their quarrels!"—George Washington.

The allied airmen of Albany are reported to be looking for a new location for a suitable field. The birdmen want a site free from local "politics." Albany must have been too hot for them—it's politics even penetrating the ethereal blue.

The pair of Jacks—Johnson and Dempsey, are receiving more publicity than the league of nations.

Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary is next Thursday, Feb. 12. It doesn't "seem possible" to many of us.

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The following are the bank clearances for December, 1919:

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| San Francisco | \$773,282,768 |
| Los Angeles | 265,422,000 |
| Oakland | 43,229,603 |
| San Jose | 11,623,774 |
| Sacramento | 34,019,451 |
| Fresno | 26,357,659 |
| Stockton | 29,752,940 |
| Berkeley | 10,489,853 |
| San Diego | 12,309,678 |

A SCHOLAR'S PROTEST.

"Ah! A Romeo and his Juliet," remarked Mr. Dubwaite, as a loving pair strolled past.

"My dear sir," said Professor Diggs, "I have great admiration for Romeo and Juliet as portrayed by the immortal Shakespeare. Apply the names of those graceful and romantic figures to a bow-legged young man in a 'waist' coat and a calicoed young woman wearing a hobbie skirt does great violence to my feelings."

Going the Rounds.
"That new nursemaid of Mrs. Styles seems a very obliging girl," said the lady in the satin jumper.

"What make you say so?" asked her friend in the purple gingham.

"Well, yesterday morning I saw her out with Mrs. Styles' baby, in the afternoon with Mrs. Styles' dog, and in the evening with Mrs. Styles' husband."—London Answers.

"Looks like we are going to have a league of nations."

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After considering while he did not attempt to refute her statement.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the Administrator with the Will Annexed of the estate of Mary Lena Carter, deceased, will sell at private sale, in one parcel, to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on or after the 9th day of February, 1920, all of the right, title, interest and estate of the said Mary Lena Carter, deceased, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired, other than or in addition to that of the said deceased, at the time of her death, of, in and to all those certain lots, pieces of parcels of land situated in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California, described as follows, to wit:

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